# SPECULATION LACKING. STOCK MARKET STAGNANT

No Increase in Business Can Be Expected Until Steam Accumulates Behind Public Demand.

FLOOR TRADERS HANDICAPPED

Additional Tax Recently Imposed Makes Them Chary of Leading Procession or Heading Retreat. All Activity Under Scrutiny.

BY BROADAN WALL.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The stock market is stagmant, Speculative activity motive, public interest, or the modern mo tor, the electric tractor of manipulation. Outside buying rarely follows a dull or declining market, and until steam has accumulated behind public demand no increase in business can be expected. Manipulation gets its power from the third rail of bank-ing interests, and the current has been turned off for the time being. In fact, all activity on the floor of the exchange is under careful scrutiny, and every effort is being made to proceed with a due regard for "safety first."

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"I think steel will go down," said a trader to-dny, "and if you will give me \$4 for taxes and \$1 for clearance I will sell 199 short, but without a guarantee I am afraid of the risk. The absence of the floor trader brings wide variations in prices."

Union Pacific moved \$2 point between sales, and dropped I point on the turnover of 1000 shares. Trading was exceedingly limited with several perfols during the day when no prices were recorded. Central Leather led in point of nettyity and advanced from 364, to 281, closing at the top. Directors will meet next week to act on the dividend, and one member of the board stated that "while the company was fully able to put the stock on a 4 per cent basis, he expected that a 3 per cent rate would be inaugurated. Traders were a little chary of the movement, and the activity was decidedly out of proportion for the day's business. Beet Sugar was strong, advancing to the new high figure of 3012. Trader reports of this industry are decidedly optimistic.

NEW YORK December II.—Stocks continued to drop to-day on a smaller volume of operations. Trading seemed to be largely for the short account, and when that demand was satisfied the list drifted fally towards lower quotations. The significance of the session as a whole may be judged from the fact that a relatively inconspicuous specialty. Central Leather was the most active feature with a gain of 1½ points. Irregularity characterized the opening followed by a general advance which provoked fresh selling of the international list. It took only a few thousand shares to reverse the rising movement and send the average under yesterday's close. Numerous

Little encouragement was derived from routine news, which included reductions in Louisville and Nashville and the Atlantic Coast Line dividends from 7 to 5 per cent, and the Southern Pacific statement for November, showing a net loss of almost \$800.

United States government bonds were un-changed on call There has been an enormous crop of turkeys this year, and the grower, as well as the shipper, is getting full value for his pro-ducts.

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COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK December U—The cotton market was particularly active to day, and prices showed excluded firmness on covering shorts, moderate demand from trade and scattered buying. The rapidly increasing export movement and the failure of Southern the builts factors most discussed on the advance which ended in a firm close will last prices to 1 points net higher. The opening van steady at a decline of 1 to 2 points net hover during the early trading. There was nothing to indicate prisoned forms to the appearance of buying trade brokers.

As prices worked higher local commission incuses became more active, and fresh buying seemed to be encouraged by the talk of a continued good demand from exporters, the general reduction in war risks and the failure of Southern spot offerings to increase a rapidly recently predicted. All active months above the low level of last Friday. The close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the best point of the close was at practically the lose of the product of the close was at practically the lose of the product of the close was at practically the product of the close was at practically the product of the close of the product of the close was at practically the product of

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		-					. other interest of week (four days), 634,385	suares.

NEW YORK December 17.—Middling 7.40. Exports, 1.000 bales; stock, 77.921 bales, Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 69.273 bales; exports, 107.331 bales; stock, 1.342.002 bales. Total for week-Net receipts, 202,000 bales exports, 201,401 bales, Total for season-Receipts, 2.567.550 bales; exports, 2.632,169 bales.

ports of this industry are decidedly optimistic.

International issues were duil and slightly heavy, but the volume of business was too small to give any direction to trading Louisville and Nashville was unchanged at 135 on the announcement of the reduction of the dividend rate from 1 to 3 per cent. Wall Street is in a curious frame of mind when decreased railroad disbursements are not considered bearfish factors.

Stock Exchange circles were interested in a rumor that Governor-Elect Whitman would favor the abolition of the State tax of 1 per 100 on stock sales. This is almost too good to be true.

Bonds were duil and heavy in spots. The arrival of a European mail was responsible for considerable seiling of international issues. When these bonds were disposed of the market steaded, the close being in many cases firmer. Consolidated Gas con. 8s were heavy, dropping to 1101s. Copper NEW YORK. December 11.—Stocks.

was last year at this time.

Fowls, young chicks and ducks are lower this year than they ever were at this time.

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Brokers Report Private Trading in Old Dominion Trust Shares.

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it is reported that there were some private
sales of Old Dominion Trust Company
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Outs Reported Light.

Unexpected shipments in the hay and grain market eased things up a bit yesterday, and prices, especially on hay, were good. There is still a clamor for new corn, and dealers expect to be able to meet the demand within a few days. It would appear from reports, that the railroad rates have something to do with this laxity of corn, but investigation shows that the railroad adjustment rate now in vogue is no handleap to shippers.

Clover, mixed, and heavy timothy are running neck and neck for prices, and bran was asked for freely. Outs were light, though the prices remained the same.

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RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET. Things were quiet at the various stock-yards vesterday, but placed orders showed a tendency toward good business after the holidays. Hogs were called for in the rough, and they went at \$1.50 and \$5.00. A heavy shipment of yearlings is expected next week.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. CHICAGO, December 17.—Hogs, active; bulk, \$7.050\$7.25; light, \$6.850\$7.3; mixed, \$6.950\$7.19; heavy, \$6.850\$7.15; rough, \$6.850\$

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NAVAL STORES.

SAVANNAH, GA. December 17.—Turpentine, no dealings, 44 cents; sales, none; receipts, 231 basks; shipments, none; stocks, 34,030 casks, Rosin firm. Sales, 390 barrels; receipts, 1,955 barrels; shipments, none; stock, 128,368 barrels. Quote; A., B. C., D., 2,39.

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MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

COTTON GOODS.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Raw stilk was sold more freely to-day. Prices were steadler. Men's wear prices were higher in consequence of high wool and large orders received for uniform cloths. Cotton goods were in steady demand from jobbers. Fruit of the toom 4-t bleached cottons were advanced by to 75 c a yard.

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Light Trading on Curb.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Trading on the curb to-day was in light volume, but prices were generally firm. There was a moderate demand for tobacco issues, Mining Issues were comparatively quiet.

Bradstreet's Report.

Bradstreet's to-morrow will say for Richmond and vicinity.

Business conditions are irregular, showing little change for the week. Cold weather has stimulated sales of clothing and shoes at retail. Dealers in holiday goods and doing a fair volume of business, though sales are below last seasons trading in this line. Few lines showing increase in volume for the year's trading, the majority of tradesmen reports the reverse. Groceries, provisions and produce show fair netivity. Wholesale

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for 60 months, something has been added, and

seedmen have had an exceptionally good year. Lumber and building supplies are quiet, and building permits show a decrease. Trunk and bag manufacturers report sales below the seasonal average. The offerings of sun-cured tobacco are not heavy and show some decline. The crop is now estimated 40 per cent below the average in quantity and of poor quality. Bright tobacco continues in good demand, and prices are good, ranging up to \$40 per 190 pounds, some markets showing an average of 16 cents per pound. Little improvement is noted in the cotton market. However, most mills are operating at full time. Failures continue numerous, and collections are generally slow. GENERAL ICE HARVEST

section will cut from the McKenna pond, which has a great supply of fine

ce.
Snow remains upon the ground in considerable quantities, having lain since last Sunday, when it fell.
The temperature this week has been very low, ranging as low as 9, 6 and 8 degrees above zero on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
The quafries have been interfered The quafries have been interfered with in their work by the snow and ice, though no material damage to the machinery has been done.

### PHYSICIANS ADJOURN

Surgical and Gynecological Association

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 17.—
The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association came to a close this afternoon with the selection of Cinclinati as the place of holding the next annual meeting and the election of the following officers: President, Dr. Bacon Saunders, of Fort Worth; first vice-president, Dr. Thomas S, Cullen of president, Dr. Thomas S. Cullen, of Baltimore: second vice-president, Dr. S. M. D. Clark, of New Orleans; secre-tary, Dr. W. D. Haggard, of Nashville; treasurer, Dr. Legrand Guerry, of Col-umbia.

annual meeting.

Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. N. Shilling, of Cedar Bayou, Texas, were named as honorary fellows. Dr. John Wesley Long, of Greensboro, who has served as president for the past year, becomes a member of the council, the governing body of the organization, which is composed of the former presidents of the association.

Speakers at the final session ed: Dr. Irvin All Poseph Crawford, of Cincinnati, was fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court here to-day on the charge of violating was detected selling false teeth to local dentists without a license, as he delivered the goods immediately after the sale.

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ommissioner of Labor Submits Hi Report to Governor Urnig.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., December 17. report by Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman to Governor Craig and the Legislature, just made public, recommends a specific age-limit,

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BEGINS AT ARVONIA advocates of restrictive and corrective measures and the manufacturers continues to exist, there is small hope for [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ARVONIA, VA., December 17.—A
general ice harvest began in this section to-day, and will continue through
the week. Ice is reported as being
four and a half inches thick, with a
prospect of its being six inches thick by
to-morrow morning.

All ice gatherers in the New Canton
section will cut from the McKenna

hours and lire-escapes, and repeal of the mine inspection, have or provision for an active inspects, who shall be a mining school graduale. Concerning hours of labor and factory inspection, he says:

"I am constrained to believe that so long as the lack of confidence between advocates of restrictive and corrective measures and the manufacturers continues to exist, there is small hope for either side of the controversy bringing in a satisfactory bill, being too much of a game of hare and hounds; and the time has come for some member of the General Assembly, who is an independent thinker, and one who has the courage of his convictions, to draft a bill that will take care of the situation.

GRETNA GREEN IS BUSY

Correspondence Bride and Groom included in Triple Marriage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., December 17.—With the holiday rush just opening at Bristol's Gretna Green, Rev. Alfred Harrison Burroughs has married eight couples, mostly from the Virginias, since last night, a triple marriage in the number including Robert Myler, of Emon, Ohto, and Miss Luson Sproles, of Washington County. Virginia. This youns, couple had never met until Myler Journeyed here from his Ohio home to claim Miss Sproles as his bride. Following a correspondence of several months and exchange of pictures, they decided to take the risk. Their meeting proved a happy one. ing proved a happy one.

Dr. Smith Will Lecture.

1 [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSRURG, VA., December
17.—Dr. James Power Smith, of Richmond, has accepted an invitation to deliver in this city his famous lecture on the life of General Stonewall Jackson, before R. S. Chew Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, at a date to be determined later.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—As a result of the recent cold weather, good ice skating is being enjoyed on the James River ponds here now. This is unusually early for skating around Lynchburg.

**GOETHALS LEAVES COLON** 

Way to Washington to Appear Be-fore Congressional Committees.

WASHINGTON, December 17 .- Gover nor Goethals, of the Canal Zone, sailed from Colon to-day on his way to Washington to appear before congressiona

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